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SUBJECT: SECRETARY KREPS' BERLIN VISIT: GOLDEN BOOK INSCRIPTION
AND TOAST

REF: (A) WASHINGTON/BERLIN TELECONS APR 5, (B) STATE 083957,
(C) USBERLIN 0621, (D) USBERLIN 0620, (E) USDOC MEMO DATED
MARCH 23, 1978 (NOTAL)

1. MISSION NOTES THAT ONLY OCCASION DURING VISIT WHERE TOAST
WILL BE CALLED FOR IS THE AMBASSADORIAL DINNER, WEDNESDAY,
APRIL 12. AT BEGINNING OF DINNER AMBASSADOR STOESSEL
PLANS TO SAY A FEW WORDS OF WELCOME TO SET STAGE FOR END-
OF-DINNER RESPONSE BY SECRETARY KREPS.

2. DURING DESSERT COURSE, SECRETARY KREPS COULD PROPOSE
A TOAST TO WHICH GOVERNING MAYOR STOBBE WILL REPLY. DRAFT
LANGUAGE FOLLOWS:

3. QUOTE: MR. AMBASSADOR, MR. GOVERNING MAYOR:
A. THANK YOU FOR THE WARM WELCOME YOU PERSONALLY AND THE
PEOPLE OF BERLIN HAVE GIVEN ME TODAY. I AM DELIGHTED TO
HAVE THIS OCCASION TO MEET WITH PROMINENT OFFICIALS
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OF THIS CITY AND ITS BUSINESS COMMUNITY.

B. WE ARE PROUD THAT AMERICAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE CON-
TRIBUTES IMPORTANTLY TO THIS CITY'S ECONOMIC LIFE AND IS
A SUBSTANTIAL ELEMENT IN MAINTAINING THE ECONOMIC WELL-
BEING, FREEDOM AND SECURITY OF THIS CITY.

C. I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THE
AMERICAN BUISNESS COMMUNITY IN BERLIN FOR ITS COMMITMENT

HERE AND I ASSURE YOU THAT YOU HAVE MY PERSONAL SUPPORT AS WELL AS THAT OF GOVERNING MAYOR STOBBE AND MAYOR LUEDER IN FURTHERING THE DEVELOPMENT OF BUSINESS TIES BETWEEN AMERICAN AND BERLIN ENTERPRISES.

D. MR. GOVERNING MAYOR, IT IS A SPECIAL PLEASURE TO MEET WITH YOU AND TO GET TO KNOW THIS GREAT CITY FIRST-HAND. BERLINERS HAVE MY RESPECT AND ADMIRATION AND THAT OF MY COUNTRYMEN FOR THEIR DEEP COMMITMENT TO PRINCIPLES CHERISHED IN THE FREE WORLD. IN THIS SPIRIT, THEN, I WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE A TOAST HERE TONIGHT TO THE PEOPLE AND CITY OF BERLIN. THANK YOU. UNQUOTE.

4. USBER UNDERSTANDS THAT USDOC IS PREPARING THE FINAL CLEARED VERSION OF THE GOLDEN BOOK SIGNING CEREMONY STATEMENT (REF D). WE WOULD MUCH APPRECIATE HAVING FINAL VERSION BY CABLE AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.

5. THE SIGNATURE OF THE GOLDEN BOOK FOLLOWS THE EXCHANGE OF STATEMENTS BETWEEN MAYOR STOBBE AND THE SECRETARY. WE HAVE RECHECKED THE PROCEDURES FOR THIS CEREMONY, AND HAVE FOUND THAT IT IS NOT RPT NOT CUSTOMARY FOR ANY INSCRIPTION TO BE CONNECTED WITH THE SIGNATURE. THE SECRETARY WILL THUS MERELY SIGN THE BOOK AS FOLLOWS: JUANITA M. KREPS, SECRETARY OF COMMERCE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, APRIL 13, 1978.

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6. USBER UNDERSTANDS THAT USDOC IS PREPARING SECRETARY KREPS' REMARKS FOR SCULPTURE UNVEILING. AS PER SCENARIO OUTLINED IN REF (C), REMARKS ARE TO FOLLOW THE ARTIST'S BRIEF EXPLANATION OF KINETIC SCULPTURE.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: USBER WOULD APPRECIATE ADVANCE TELEGRAPHIC COPY OF SCULPTURE UNVEILING STATEMENT, IF POSSIBLE. GEORGE

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